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Letter dated 9 November 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to the letter dated 27 August 2004, addressed to you by Mr. Andreas Hadjichrysanthou, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations (A/58/880-S/2004/700), I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of the flight information region (FIR) of Nicosia and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded on 25 and 30 August 2004, on 1, 8, 11, 14, 15, 16, 18 and 29 September 2004, on 5, 6, 7, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26 and 27 October 2004 and on 2 and 3 November 2004, as follows:

On 25 August 2004, one (1) Black Hawk and one (1) C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, in a total of four (4) violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus as follows:

(a) The Black Hawk Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying west of the occupied area of Kyrenia, before departing towards the FIR of Ankara, from where it returned later to the same airport.

(b) The C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of Nicosia, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day, in a reverse direction.

On 30 August 2004, two Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the southern part of Mount Pentadaktylos, before landing at the same airport.

On 1 September 2004, one (1) C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before

landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day, in a reverse direction.

On 8 September 2004, one (1) C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day, in a reverse direction.

On 11 September 2004, one (1) Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before landing at the pocket area of Kokkina, from where it departed on the same day, in a reverse direction.

On 14 September 2004, one (1) Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied areas of Karpasia, Cape Apostolos Andreas and Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of the Tymbou, from where it returned on the same day to the illegal airport of Krini.

On 15 September 2004, two (2) C-130 Turkish military aircraft, one (1) C-160 and one (1) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type, carried out a total of five (5) violations of the international air traffic regulations and three (3) violations of the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The two (2) C-130 Turkish military aircraft, coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, before exiting in a southerly direction.

(b) The C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day, in a reverse direction.

(c) The Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 16 September 2004, two (2) C-130 Turkish military aircraft coming from a southerly direction entered the FIR of Nicosia, carried out a total of two (2) violations of the international air traffic regulations, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 18 September 2004, one (1) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 29 September 2004, one (1) C-130 Turkish military aircraft and two (2) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type entered the FIR of Nicosia, in a total of five (5) violations of the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The C-130 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of

Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day in a reverse direction.

(b) The first Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara, from where it returned on the same day, in a reverse direction.

(c) The second Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the same airport.

On 5 October 2004, two (2) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type carried out a total of two (2) violations of the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

The one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Kyrenia, where it met with the other Turkish military aircraft of unknown type, which came from the FIR of Ankara, also violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before landing in one formation at the illegal airport of Krini.

On 6 October 2004, one (1) C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day in a reverse direction.

On 7 October 2004, two (2) RF-4 Turkish military aircraft coming in one formation, one (1) KC-135 and two (2) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type entered the FIR of Nicosia, carried out a total of four (4) violations of the international air traffic regulations and two (2) violations of the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The formation of two (2) RF-4 and the KC-135 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

(b) The first Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied areas of Mesaoria, Karpasia and Kyrenia, before landing at the same airport.

(c) The second Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, from where it departed on the same day, towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 13 October 2004, one (1) C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day in a reverse direction.

On 14 October 2004, four (4) F-4 Turkish military aircraft in one formation and one (1) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type entered the FIR of Nicosia, in a total of two (2) violations of the international air traffic regulations and one (1) violation of the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The formation of the four (4) F-4 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

(b) The Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied areas of Mesaoria and Ammochostos, before landing at the same airport.

On 18 October 2004, one (1) CN-235 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou.

On 19 October 2004, one (1) CN-235 Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Tymbou, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Kyrenia, before landing at the same airport.

On 20 October 2004, one (1) C-160 Turkish military aircraft, one (1) CN-235 and one (1) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type, carried out a total of four (4) violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The C-160 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it took off on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

(b) The CN-235 took off from the illegal airport of Tymbou, flying over the occupied area of Kyrenia, before landing at the same airport.

(c) The Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the occupied area of Ammochostos, from where it departed on the same day, towards the illegal airport of Krini.

On 21 October 2004, one (1) CN-235 Turkish military aircraft and one (1) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type, carried out a total of three (3) violations of the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The CN-235 Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Tymbou, flying over the occupied area of Kyrenia, before landing at the same airport. Later, it departed towards the FIR of Ankara.

(b) The Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou,

from where it departed on the same day, towards the occupied area of Ammochostos and the illegal airport of Krini.

On 22 October 2004, one (1) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the occupied area of Ammochostos, from where it departed on the same day, towards the illegal airport of Krini.

On 26 October 2004, four (4) F-4 Turkish military aircraft coming in one formation and one (1) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type entered the FIR of Nicosia, in a total of two (2) violations of the international air traffic regulations and one (1) violation of the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The formation of F-4 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations, before exiting towards a westerly direction.

(b) The Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Morfou, before landing at the same airport.

On 27 October 2004, one (1) C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it took off on the same day, flying in the opposite direction.

On 2 November 2004, one (1) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied areas of Lefka, Kyrenia, Kantara and Ammochostos, before returning to the same airport.

On 3 November 2004, one (1) C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day, flying in the reverse direction.

As repeatedly indicated in our previous communications, the aforementioned violations blatantly contravene international law and air traffic regulations and seriously endanger international civil aviation. Moreover, such actions undermine the efforts made for reconciliation and unification in Cyprus and disappointingly reveal Turkey's lack of good will to achieve progress to this long-standing problem.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I strongly protest the above violations and call for their immediate cessation. The Government of Turkey should heed the call of the international community, abide by the Charter of the United Nations and respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, thus contributing to the creation of the required conditions for the achievement of a just and viable solution to the Cyprus problem.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 29, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Andreas D. **Mavroyiannis**